

Sustainable Complete Streets Policy:

WHEREAS, *Complete Street* are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, *Sustainable Complete Streets* are defined as Complete Streets with elements of design, construction and operation that also serve environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation, are more conducive to public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles and trucks; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian bicycle and public transportation travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly to the commuter; and

WHEREAS, the full integration of all modes of travel in the design of streets and highways will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, reduces traffic congestion by improving mobility options, limits greenhouse gas emission and improves the general quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many studies show that when roads are better designed for bicycling, walking and transit use, more people do so, and Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as policy and law at federal, state, county, town, village and city levels in the interest of improving safety and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new and existing roads in the Town of Oneonta should anticipate future demand for biking, walking and other alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, *Sustainable Complete Streets* are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, the American Public Health Association, the State of New York and many other transportation, planning and public health professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Oneonta will, to the extent reasonable and affordable, view all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access, and mobility for all travelers in the Town of Oneonta and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the intent of the Town of Oneonta to recognize that local Town streets with low vehicle volumes and slow traffic speeds may already safely and efficiently accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Discussion: Attorney Panasci stated that this policy applies only to new improvements that are reasonable and affordable. Supervisor Wood said this is a good policy to have on the books. He added that this will be a good way

to plan for bike and pedestrian pathways. Councilwoman Jacob said there is a real desire for pathways in the town. Councilwoman Riddell Kent said the policy covers all bases and thanked Councilwoman Jacob for her work on this.

VOTE – Ayes 5, Nays 0 Motion Carried

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